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**AMENDED ABSTRACT**

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A method for cutting a sheet-shaped material, comprises the steps of: (a) synthetic resin sheet by measuring, immediately before cutting a the heated sheet-shaped material heated, the elevated temperature of the sheet-shaped material synthetic resin sheet; (b) determining the expansion of the sheet-shaped material based on the elevated temperature thus detected and a room the reduced temperature that the sheet will be cooled to; and (c) cutting the sheet-shaped material in anticipation of to compensate for the expected expansion of the sheet when cooled to the reduced temperature thus determined.